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8th MARCH, 1804.

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Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

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*In addition to "An Act for fixing the military peace establishment of the United States."*

1 **Be it enacted**, by the Senate and House of Representatives  
2 of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That  
3 there shall be appointed, in addition to the Surgon's-mates provided  
4 for by the "Act fixing the military peace establishment of the  
5 "United States," as many Surgeon's-mates, not exceeding six,  
6 as the President of the United States may judge necessary, to be  
7 attached to garrisons or posts, agreeably to the provision of the  
8 said act.

1     SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That an equivalent in malt  
 2 liquor or low wines, may be supplied the troops of the United States,  
 3 instead of the rum, whiskey, or brandy, which by the said act is  
 4 made a component part of a ration, at such posts and garrisons, and  
 5 at such seasons of the year, as in the opinion of the President of  
 6 the United States may be necessary to the preservation of their  
 7 health.